

## Event Name: BFHD COVID-19

Report Period: 11/11/2020 – 11/18/2020	Mission #: 20-0265	Jurisdictions Impacted: Benton & Franklin Counties
--	--------------------	---

YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS DENOTE NEW/CHANGED INFORMATION

### General Situation/Overview:

On January 21, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Washington State Department of Health announced the first case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States and in Washington State. As of 3/19/2020 a 24, 48, 72-hour planning projection of the response is being done daily. Friday's planning projection will encompass Saturday and Sunday, then resume normal planning projections on Monday.

### Benton and Franklin County At-A-Glance

Total Case Count 11/18/2020	Benton	Franklin
Confirmed*	6839	5646
Deaths**	133	64

\*Confirmed: positive test result. \*\*Deaths: BFHD defined a COVID-19 death as someone who died with COVID-19 as their primary cause of death

City Case Count 11/18/2020	April OFM Population	# of Cases
Pasco	77,100	4966
Mesa	495	138
Connell	5,500	395
Kahlotus	165	<10
Eltopia	-	68
Kennewick	84,960	3989
Richland	58,550	1561
West Richland	15,710	392
Benton City	3,560	269
Prosser	6220	515
Plymouth	-	19
Paterson	-	13
Not Specified	-	154

Current Hospital Status 11/18/2020 M-F		COVID Like Illness = CLI	
	# Hospitalized Patients	# COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI	% COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI
Current hospitalized patients	396	41	10.4

Case Locations of Interest 11/18/20	
# of Cases	
Long Term Care Residents and Staff	600

Please visit [Washington State Department of Corrections site](https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm) for current case counts at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center. ( <https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm> )

## **OPERATIONS SECTION:**

**OUTBREAK MITIGATION & DATA:** Identify the COVID-19 spread, including clusters; track any lab confirmed cases and determine potential exposures. Identify the spread of COVID-19 in long-term care and community living facilities and provide infection control guidance and resources to those facilities. Input data from Epi into existing systems; WDRS and Redcap surveys.

- Active Outbreaks in the community: these outbreaks meet the definition of an outbreak as described in the 10/1/20 Washington Outbreak report – click link below for report
- <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/StatewideCOVID-19OutbreakReport.pdf>
  - **General Business Community** – 19 with 37 pending investigations
  - **Long Term Care Facilities** – 10 with no pending investigations
  - **HealthCare Settings** – 9 with 9 pending investigations
  - **Childcare Settings** – 0
  - **Schools** – 3 and 6 pending investigations \* only 1 of these outbreaks is in a “traditional classroom setting”

- **Effective Nov 9<sup>th</sup>** -A new policy statement (attached) adopted by the Department of Health, Health Systems Quality Assurance, clarifies that persons who are credentialed as medical assistant-certified or medical assistant-registered may assist health care practitioners in monitoring and collecting health care information for temporary worker housing (TWH) occupants who are COVID-19 symptomatic or positive  
[COVID19\\_WSR2023015\\_temporaryworkerhousingHSQAMAPS2001psfinal-20201106.pdf](https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/COVID19_WSR2023015_temporaryworkerhousingHSQAMAPS2001psfinal-20201106.pdf)

- COVID Vaccine planning workgroup, comprised of representatives from BHFD, Hospitals, and Emergency Management meet on Mondays to discuss plans for vaccine dissemination in the Benton Franklin area once the vaccine has been released. Washington state DOH has a provide a COVID Vaccine plan you can access the Washington Interim COVID Vaccination plan here  
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/WA-COVID-19-Vaccination-Plan.pdf>
- You can also find helpful information on the COVID Vaccine from CDC website  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

- There have been several reports from schools on individuals (student/staff) who are COVID positive and have been in class or at school, BFHD and the schools are working closely to determine if there are any “outbreaks” as defined by DOH: 1. Two or more laboratory positive (PCR) COVID-19 cases, AND 2. At least two of the cases have symptom on set dates within 14 days of each other, AND 3. Plausible epidemiological evidence of transmission in a shared location other than a household is observed
- Visit each individual school district website for current information on hybrid learning schedules, safety plans and COVID-19 Activity Dashboards

## **CONTACT TRACING & CARE COORDINATION:**

- Care Coordination team connects people in Isolation or quarantine to the services they need to stay isolated. This may be providing a Walgreens Hygiene kit or a Kroger Food box or connecting them with rent assistance, grocery or prescription delivery or other services. **With the increasing case count Care Coordination is averaging about over 30 case referrals per day.** BFHD/Care Coordination Team has partnered with Yakima Valley Farm Workers who has agreed to take up to 20 household referrals a day to ensure that all those who need services can be reached on a daily basis
- Contact Tracing team has been busier than usual as it appears, we are seeing a bit of a “Fall surge” in cases which translates into more workload for the contact tracers and for all other teams as well

## **COMMUNITY TESTING:**

- To date, the National Guard at the HAPO Center testing site has administered **\*18,342 COVID tests**. Testing numbers are as follows: Tuesday 11/17 –240, Wednesday 11/18, 227  
**\*this total includes #'s from when Toyota Center test site was operational as well)**
- **HAPO Test Site Hours of Operations –Tuesday - Friday from 7:00am- 3:00pm**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The HAPO test site will be CLOSED in Observance of Thanksgiving on Nov 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup></b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CBC-West Test Site:</b> To date the site has administered <b>15,103 COVID tests</b>. Testing numbers this week are as follows: Thursday 11/12 -838, Friday 11/13 - 725, Saturday 11/14 -703, Sunday 11/15- 614, Monday 11/16 – 801, Tuesday 11/17, 765, Wednesday 11/18, 751</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CBC-West Test Site is now open 7 days a week Monday -Sunday from 8:30am to 4:00pm</b> - pre-registration makes for a faster experience at the test site – however you may still have to wait in line until you reach the point where the site breaks into lanes, please be patient. Click the link to be taken to the registration page <a href="http://www.wacovid19.org/tricitiestesting">www.wacovid19.org/tricitiestesting</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Positivity rate for the CBC West Test Site is 15.6% and the positivity rate for the HAPO test Site is 12.83%</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The CBC West crew did an on-site testing event at WSU-Tri-Cities on Tuesday, testing 38 WSU students and faculty</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BFHD has received 6400 of the BinaxNOW rapid test kits from the state. The intent is to provide these kits to schools, critical infrastructure, and other priority areas in Benton and Franklin County. To receive the kits an agency must complete a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment.</li> <li>• <b>Chaplaincy Health Care will be beta testing the BinaxNOW COVID Antigen test with BFHD –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 test is a lateral flow test that detects the presence of protein antigens from SARS-CoV-2 in individuals suspected of COVID-19 by their healthcare provider within the first seven days of symptom onset. This U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)- authorized diagnostic test does not require any instrumentation to test the samples and instead determines a COVID-19 negative or positive result using a test card. This test has been authorized only for the detection of the nucleocapsid protein antigen from SARS-CoV-2, not for any other viruses or pathogens. BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Ag Card FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) can be found here. <a href="https://www.fda.gov/media/141570/download">https://www.fda.gov/media/141570/download</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>COMMUNITY RELATIONS / PUBLIC INFORMATION:</b> Keep our community informed and educated; providing accurate information. Maintain our call center and website; providing updated information. Develop and maintain media products for the weekly press conference.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Call center received 202 calls last week and this week the call center is averaging 90 calls per day</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tuesday 11/17 - Dr. Amy person was on Madeline Motivates segment on NBC Right Now</b> <a href="https://www.nbcrightnow.com/community/madeline-motivates-how-to-respectfully-say-no-to-social-gatherings/article_bbc88b58-28eb-11eb-a3f6-03f098cc3d47.html">https://www.nbcrightnow.com/community/madeline-motivates-how-to-respectfully-say-no-to-social-gatherings/article_bbc88b58-28eb-11eb-a3f6-03f098cc3d47.html</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sunday 11/15 Governor Inslee held a press conference to announce statewide “rollbacks” due to the exponential growth of COVID in all of Washington – the “Rollback” is effective until December 14<sup>th</sup>. For a complete list of “Rollback” restrictions click here:</b> <a href="https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/COVID%2019%20November%20Statewide%20Restrictions.pdf">https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/COVID%2019%20November%20Statewide%20Restrictions.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Data team is working on gathering information on cases and outbreaks by industry setting</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Heather Hill, BFHD Communicable Disease Program Manager, will be on Kadlec on Call – a health segment hosted by Jim Hall Wednesday’s at 6:00pm on KONA 610 AM</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>View updated CDC mask guidance here:</b> <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BFHD updates <a href="#">Website</a> <a href="#">Twitter</a> and <a href="#">Facebook</a> daily</b></li> </ul>

#### LOGISTICS:

##### **PPE RECEIVING/DISTRIBUTION:**

- List of PPE vendors the state uses to procure PPE items  
<https://des.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/documents/ContractingPurchasing/covid19/Vendors.pdf>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you are curious to know how much PPE each county has received from the state you can find that information here <a href="https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/personal-protective-equipment/tracking-ppe-distribution">https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/personal-protective-equipment/tracking-ppe-distribution</a></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supply both the HAPO Testing Site and CBC-West Testing Site with PPE as needed/requested</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supply the school districts/schools with emergency PPE supplies. Emergency Management can provide small amounts of PPE on an as needed emergency basis for schools. School Districts should coordinate long term PPE needs/projections with ESD123</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reminder entities should only be requesting assistance for those supplies they are unable to procure for themselves.</b> PPE requests from Hospitals/EMS/Law Enforcement/Clinics/LTC/Dentists need to be sent to their respective Emergency Management no later than <b>10:00am every Friday</b> or as circumstances dictate – a weekly request will be made to the state every Friday for delivery of supplies the following week. Benton – <a href="mailto:d.davis@bces.wa.gov">d.davis@bces.wa.gov</a> Franklin – <a href="mailto:sdavis@co.franklin.wa.us">sdavis@co.franklin.wa.us</a></li> </ul>

#### **DAILY and FUTURE OPERATIONS:**

<b><u>RECURRING ACTIVITIES:</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daily at 8:00am - Operational Briefing</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday and Friday Planning meeting at 4:00pm – Planning Meeting via ZOOM</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday and Friday at 5:00 dissemination of BFHD Incident Action Plan released – Tuesday IAP will cover Wednesday-Friday and the Friday IAP will cover Saturday-Tuesday.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday at 1:00pm – Region 8 Healthcare and partners call</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every other Tuesday at 2:00pm - BFHD hosts local elected officials and decision-makers conference call – <b>next meetings are December 1<sup>st</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup></b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday at 2:00 - SEOC Unified Command Ops to BFHD Command Ops meeting</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unified Situational Report (SitRep) dissemination once weekly - Wednesday only</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday at 10:30am - Local Hospital/Clinic/EMS/EM coordination call via ZOOM</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every other Wednesday at 1:30pm – Call with local agricultural partners. <b>This call has ended. It will be restarted next year prior to the growing season. Ag partners will be kept engaged via email through the winter</b> . The BFHD Outreach team participates in an Agriculture call hosted by Yakima Health District, hosted the third Friday of every month.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every other Wednesday at 1:00pm - North Franklin County Community Leadership meeting – call in phone 1-509-545-3555 meeting number: 5847# access code: 3555# <b>the next meeting will be November 25<sup>th</sup></b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday at 11:30am - Coordination call with the WA State EOC, 1-877-820-7831, password 782831# - State SitRep is not produced on the weekends it will be sent M-F only</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every other Thursday at 1:30 - Municipality Advisory Council – <b>next meeting is December 10<sup>th</sup></b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every other Thursday at 2:30pm - call with BFHD and LTC agencies</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly Central and Eastern WA Counties meeting to discuss farmworkers and H2A Housing community's information/concerns/coordination</li> </ul>
<b><u>FUTURE OPERATIONS:</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COVID vaccine planning</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue planning efforts in preparation for when the governor releases restrictions on movements between the phases of the safe start plan. Planning for a Phase 3 request for our area</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flu vaccination - communicating the importance of receiving a flu shot this year</li> </ul>

**CURRENT RISKS:**

- Rising case counts and an uptick in COVID hospitalizations
- School re-opening across the two counties – monitoring for outbreaks
- Flu season and recognition of Flu vs. COVID
- Holiday Season/ get together and the impact on COVID disease rate in our community

**WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION:**

- Benton-Franklin Health District- All News: <https://www.bfhd.wa.gov>
- Washington State Department of Health: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- REDI Healthcare Coalition: <https://srhd.org/programs-and-services/hcc/eei->

**DISTRIBUTED TO:**

Local Health Jurisdiction: Management Team, EOC/ECC Staff, all BFHD Staff

Region 8: Local Emergency Response Coordinators, Emergency Management agencies, healthcare partners, Fire/EMS agencies

WA State: Regional Emergency Response Coordinators, DOH Duty Officer

Eastern WA: REDi Coalition Duty Officer

Cross Boarder: Oregon Regions 6 and 9 Liaisons